

Members in Attendance: Tom Boak, Chairman, Chris Ruppert, Enid Uhrich, Bobbie Turcotte, Tina Martin. Absent Bobbie Turcotte

Discussion: Philosophy of National Championship Meets. While our National Championships need to be held in facilities of high quality, this is not the only consideration for awarding bids. Housing, Transportation, sponsors ability to properly staff the meet, impact on the area and on Masters Swimming.

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Protest from Ron Bull relative to scoring of 82 Long Course Nationals: Voted in support of Ron Bull's protest.

Protest from Chrus Georges relative to 1500 m. freestyle at 82 Long Course Nationals: No action on protest.

Recommend rule change that when only one course is in use, the meet director be required to offer willing competitors the right to swim two to a lane prior to any heats swimming one to a lane. In addition, to establish a voluntary time standard.

Rule Changes: USMS-7 - Team Scoring, voted in favor (3-1)
USMS-8 - entry deadline; voted against (4-0)
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USMS 9, 10, and 11; agree with intent, but should be policy.

Proposed rule requiring that a swimmer who does not show at the block be scratched voted in favor (4-0). Given to Rules Committee for proper wording and presentation.

USMS-6 Referred to Championship Committee for development into policies and procedures. Recommended this be defeated at this time. (Withdrawn).

Review of Bid: 83 Long Course; *Indianapolis, Little Rock, Potomac Valley
84 Short Course: *Industry Hills, California
84 Long Course: *Raleigh N.C., Indiana River Community College, Fla., Potomac Valley

* Awarded bid

Minutes of Meeting
Championship Committee
United States Masters Swimming
October 1, 1982

Members of Committee in attendance

Tom Book, Chairman
Chris Ruppert, Enid Ulrich, Bobbie Turcotte, Tonia Martin

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Review of Bids

- 1983 Long Course
 - Indianapolis *
 - Little Rock
 - Potomac Valley
- 1984 Short Course
 - Industry Hills *
- 1984 Long Course
 - Raleigh *
 - Indian River Community College
 - Potomac Valley

* Awarded bid

Minutes of Bid Presentations
Championship Committee
United States Masters Swimming
October 2, 1982 - 10:30 am

Bids for 1983 National Long Course Championships

1. Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana *
Bob Patterson, Indiana Masters
Dale Neuberger, Indiana University
Pat O'Connor, Convention Bureau
Received Bid Award
2. Little Rock Racquet Club, Little Rock, Arkansas *
Gary Qualls, Little Rock Convention Bureau
Paul Blair, Little Rock Racquet Club
3. Wheaton-Glenmont Pool, Wheaton, Maryland
Chris Ruppert, Potomac Valley Masters Swimming

Bids for 1984 National Short Course Championships

1. Industry Hills Aquatics Club, City of Industry, California *
Tina Martin
Received Bid Award

Bids for 1984 National Long Course Championships

1. Indian River Community College, Fort Pierce, Florida *
Doug Ingram, Head Coach
Peter Turczyk, Masters Coach
2. Optimist Park, Raleigh, North Carolina *
Hill Carrow
Received Bid Award
3. Little Rock Racquet Club, Little Rock, Arkansas
4. Wheaton-Glenmont Pool, Wheaton, Maryland
Withdrew Bid

* Bid from proper zone

Guidelines for presentations

1. Limited to 15 minutes, 5 minute discussion afterward
2. After all bids presented for a championship, then additional 5 minute discussion; then a vote will be taken.

UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 1982 - by June Krauser

<u>LOCATIONS:</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SHORT COURSE</u>	<u>LONG COURSE</u>
	1972	-- San Mateo, CA -----	Bloomington, IN
	1973	-- Santa Monica, CA ----	Chicago, IL
	1974	-- Ft. Lauderdale, FL --	Santa Clara, CA
	1975	-- Ft. Lauderdale, FL --	Knoxville, TN
	1976	-- Mission Viejo, CA ---	St. Louis, MO
	1977	-- Ft. Lauderdale, FL --	Spokane, WA
	1978	-- San Antonio, TX -----	Providence, RI
	1979	-- Mission Viejo, CA ---	Dearborn, MI
	1980	-- Ft. Lauderdale, FL --	Santa Clara, CA
	1981	-- Irvine, CA -----	Canton, OH
	1982	-- Woodlands, TX -----	Portland, OR
	1983	-- Ft. Lauderdale, FL --	

Totals: 23 meets - 9 in the West - 7 in the East - 7 in the Middle

NAMES OR TITLES USED FOR MEETS:

Woodlands - 1982 United States Masters Swimming National Short Course Championships
Portland - 1982 National Masters Long Course Swimming Championships
Irvine - 1981 United States National Masters Short Course Swimming Championships
Santa Clara - 1980 Long Course AAU Masters National Swimming Championships
Mission Viejo - 1979 United States Masters National AAU Short Course Swimming Championships
San Antonio - 1978 National Masters Swimming Championships
Providence - 1978 National AAU Masters Men's & Women's Long Course Swimming Championships

ENTRY BLANKS: There is a good format now being used. However, it is called an "OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM" instead of an "OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK". I believe that people are more familiar with the term "ENTRY BLANK".

Also, I question using a postmark date for the closing. USS has not used a postmark date for many years as they had so many problems when they did.

INFORMATION SHEET OR BOOKLET: The following items should be included:

1. Meet Director's name, address and phone.
2. Entry Procedure
3. Entries for Individual Events (number and age groups)
4. Eligibility.
5. Seeding Procedure
6. Scratches
7. Fees
8. Entry Deadline and Mailing Procedure
9. Awards
10. Team Scoring (including relay scoring)
11. Relay Information: Eligibility, Entry Times, Entry Limit, Individual Swimmer Relay Event Limit, Age Groups, Awards, and Team Representative
12. 1650 yard freestyle / 1500 meter freestyle
13. 500 yd / 400 mtr freestyle and/or 400 yd/mtr individual medley if deck seeded
14. Meet Headquarters
15. Information for General Meeting
16. When and where to register for meet and pick up heat sheets
17. Transportation
18. Meet Information: practice hours, etc.
19. Schedule of Events
20. Special Events
21. Hotels and any other miscellaneous information

SUGGESTED RULE AMENDMENT: I would like to suggest that we delete Section V-(H) National Championship Meets and substitute the following: (page 147 to page 150 of 1982 CODE)

(H) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS (Recommended for Regional Championships when possible)

(1) USMS National Championships shall be awarded in the following categories:

(a) Men's and Women's Short Course Swimming Championships to be held between April 1 and May 31.

(b) Men's and Women's Long Course Swimming Championships to be held between July 15 and September 15.

NOTE: Check dates of USS National Championship meets for conflict.

(2) The following rotation system shall be used when awarding the National Championships:

YEAR	<u>ZONE A - Northeast</u>	<u>ZONE B - Southern</u>	<u>ZONE C - Central</u>	<u>ZONE D - Western</u>
1983	SC		LC	
1984		LC		SC
1985	LC		SC	
1986		SC		LC

(3) Conduct of National Championships - National championships will be conducted under Section E - Swimming Rules, except as hereinafter specified. A general meeting of the Board of Governors, coaches and officials shall be held the evening prior to the first day's competition. The meeting date, time and location shall be included in the official meet information. All business pertinent to the operation of the championships and the conduct of the events shall be considered and finalized at this meeting, and no changes shall be made thereafter. Changes may be effected in the conduct of the meet to fit the situation and since changes can be made it is the obligation of every swimmer or his representative to be present at the meeting to be apprised of such changes, should they occur.

(a) Meet Director - The meet director shall carry out the wishes of the Board of Governors in regard to the conduct of the meet.

(b) Computerization - If possible, the organization(s) conducting the championship shall compile team lists, heat sheets and final results by computer.

(c) Heat Sheets - Heat sheets listing heat and lane assignments for pre-seeded events and entry list by time (fastest to slowest) for deck seeded events, shall be made available to all swimmers on the morning of the day preceding the meet.

(d) Eligibility Protests - There shall be a jury of three persons, appointed by the registration committee chairman or his designee, in attendance at every national championship to determine protests affecting the eligibility of any swimmer to compete or to represent an organization.

i. All protests made prior to or during the championship shall be submitted in writing.

ii. Protests shall be heard by the eligibility jury and decisions rendered, if possible, before the start of events on the day in which the protested swimmer competes, but no later than the last night of the championships. Opportunity shall be given for both the party lodging the protest and the party or parties charged to be heard.

iii. Unless the eligibility jury determines otherwise, the swimmer may compete under protest. The results of any race conducted under protest shall not be announced, nor prizes awarded, nor points scored until the eligibility jury has decided the protest, or the protest is withdrawn, unless the protest would not affect the final scoring or awards.

iv. The decision of the eligibility jury shall be used for the purpose of results, awards and scoring the meet.

(e) Technical Protests - Written protests involving technical rules, except judgement decisions, must be filed within 30 minutes of the protested act or occurrence. Prior to the start of the meet, the president or his designee shall appoint a technical jury composed of two competitors in the meet and at least one, but not more than three, other persons.

(f) Scratch Procedure - Any swimmer who fails to report to the proper lane in the correct heat of his/her entered event will not be permitted to swim that event at another time and will be considered scratched from that event. There is no penalty for scratching an event.

(g) Seeding

i. All events 200 yards/meters or less shall be pre-seeded, with the fastest heats swum first within each age group. If in any age group, there are not enough swimmers for a complete heat, all swimmers in that age group shall be seeded in adjacent lanes.

- ii. The 500 yd / 400 mtr freestyle and 400 yd/mtr individual medley may be either pre-seeded (as above) or deck seeded on time only, with the fastest times in the first heat, the second fastest times in the second heat, etc.
- iii. The 1650 yd / 1500 mtr freestyle shall be deck-seeded on time only, with the fastest times in the first heat, the second fastest times in the second heat, etc. When only one pool is used for both men's and women's events, the heats shall be apportioned and alternated by sex. At the meet director's option, willing competitors may swim two (2) in a lane when only 7, 8, 9 or 10 lanes are available for the event. All heats with two (2) competitors in a lane shall be completed before the heats with a single competitor per lane. This information must be stated on the entry blank. When two (2) competitors swim in a lane there shall be two automatic timing systems available. Seed two (2) competitors in a lane as follows:
 - 1) List all swimmers fastest to slowest and number.
 - 2) List all odd numbered swimmers fastest to slowest. This becomes group A.
 - 3) List all even numbered swimmers fastest to slowest. This becomes Group B. (We have taken one list and made two.)
 - 4) The fastest 7, 8, 9 or 10 A's become Heat 1A, and the fastest 7, 8, 9 or 10 B's become Heat 1B, etc. NOTE: This insures that swimmers of relatively equal ability will swim in the same lane.
 - 5) If starting at the same end of pool, A's swim in right half of lane and B's swim in left half of lane.
 - 6) If starting at opposite ends of pool, A's swim in half of lane to their right when starting and B's swim in half of lane to their right when starting.

- (h) When the depth of the swimming course varies, the male and female contestants shall share equal time in the deep end of the pool.
- (i) Scoring - Scoring will be published for Men, Women and Combined totals. Mixed-Relay scores will be used for Combined totals ONLY.

<u>Lanes in Pool</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Relays</u>
Seven	8-6-5-4-3-2-1	16-12-10-8-6-4-2
Eight	9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1	18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2
Nine	10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1	20-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2
Ten	11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1	22-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

- (j) Awards - Medal awards will be awarded one through six and appropriate awards will be awarded 7 and beyond. The number of event awards given will be equal to the number of lanes used in the pool. A USMS Championship patch shall be awarded to the winner of each event. Awards will be given regardless of the nationality of the swimmer. Swimmers winning more than one Championship may purchase additional patches for each additional championship won. NOTE: Duplicate awards will NOT be given, except in the case of ties, as provided in 103.9 of the USS Technical Rules.
 - (K) Final Results - Meet results and team scores shall be published by the meet sponsor within 30 days and distributed to members of the Board of Directors and representatives of participating teams.
- (4) Events and Programs - The following four-day program for championship meets shall be conducted with Women's events preceding Men's events:

<u>SHORT COURSE</u>	<u>1st day</u>	<u>LONG COURSE</u>
200 yd back		200 mtr back
100 yd breast		100 mtr breast
50 yd free		50 mtr free
200 yd fly		200 mtr fly
100 yd IM		200 mtr medley relay
200 yd medley relay		400 mtr free
500 yd free		

	2nd day	
200 yd breast		200 mtr breast
100 yd fly		100 mtr fly
50 yd back		50 mtr back
100 yd free		100 mtr free
200 yd IM		200 mtr IM
200 yd free relay		200 mtr free relay
200 yd mixed medley relay		200 mtr mixed medley relay
	3rd day	
200 yd free		200 mtr free
50 yd breast		50 mtr breast
100 yd back		100 mtr back
50 yd fly		50 mtr fly
400 yd IM		400 mtr IM
200 yd mixed free relay		200 mtr mixed free relay
	4th day	
1650 yd free		1500 mtr free

(5) Entry Blanks and Information Booklet

- (a) The entry blanks shall be prepared under the joint direction of the president or his designee, the rules chairman and the meet director.
- (b) Such entry blanks shall conform exactly to the standard format agreed upon by the Board of Governors, and no other shall be used.
- (c) One set of the entry blanks shall be sent by first class mail at least 30 days prior to the closing date to all members of the Board of Governors.
- (d) The information booklet shall contain the meet director's name, address, phone numbers and all other pertinent information.
- (e) Entry fees for national championship meets shall be \$3.00 for individual events and \$8.00 for relays. A \$10.00 per person (swimmer) surtax may be charged (for national championship meets only) to be used by the meet sponsor to help pay meet expenses. A banquet or appropriate social event may be conducted for an additional fee. Participation in this event is optional.
- (f) The closing date for entries in all national championship events shall be no more than four weeks prior to the first day of competition.
- (g) The information booklet mailing, including preparation, printing and distribution, shall be the responsibility of the meet sponsor. Approval of data to be mailed shall be obtained by the president or his designee prior to printing and/or distribution.
- (h) The date, time and location of the general meeting shall be included in the official meet information.
- (i) It shall be the responsibility of the sponsor to ship the submitted entry blanks to the USMS Secretary immediately following the championships. Those entry blanks will be retained for a period of one year.

(6) Entries

- (a) Entry blanks, properly filled out and received prior to the meet entry deadline, will declare the swimmer officially entered.
- (b) Competitors may enter and swim in a maximum of 6 individual events in a four-day National meet with a maximum of 3 individual events per day. Competitors shall be allowed to swim in only one freestyle relay, one medley relay, one mixed freestyle relay, and one mixed medley relay per meet. Each team shall be limited to no more than three relays in each event in each age group. All Competitors, including members of relay teams, must fill out and sign the appropriate entry blank.
- (c) Entry times must be submitted for all individual events and relay events.
- (d) One member of each relay team shall pick up relay entry cards on which he shall list the competing relay swimmers, their first and last names, ages, order of swimming and sex (for mixed relays), for each entered relay. Upon reporting to the starting blocks, immediately prior to the start of the relay heat in which such team is entered, the completed relay entry card shall be handed to the head lane timer.